1897-Boston Opens First U.S. Subway With Cars Using General Electric Propulsion Equipment

Boston is recognized for combining history and futuristic pioneering. In 1897, Boston built the nation's first transit subway using cars with General Electric propulsion equipment. The subway was built to relieve downtown traffic congestion and it worked!

Through the years General Electric has worked with transit experts at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to provide reliable electric propulsion systems for transit cars and trolley buses.

Today, while celebrating its 350th birthday, Boston is again pioneering with 190 swift new Hawker Siddeley built rapid transit cars. These cars, which use General Electric motors and controls, serve business, cultural, recreational and historic locations. The "Bluebelle" cars connect with loop feeder buses to Logan International Airport.

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